

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Dear Alec:

This refers not to your thousand dollars, but my own, which I gave him last spring. I told you that I was going to before you left Washington. It is my own money, part of what Papa left me. I do not think I could better use it than in helping on an invention in which I believed. It was just what Papa was always doing. If I get it back, I will just keep it for this purpose of "watering seed."

The only thing I am not so well satisfied about is — the money was invested, and I hated to sell my stock, so I borrowed the money on it. I don't suppose you will approve, but my idea was that I could pay interest on the money with the income from the stock, until Mr. McCurdy repaid me. If he did not I could invest the children's trust dividends in it as they became due. It is Western Union stock. If you like you could put some of the four thousand dollars lying idle into this stock.

Lina's money is some she had uninvested and which she wanted to speculate with as she could afford to lose it. She is growing rich.

Yours,